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If a thief steals a car, and then brings it to you at the Sheriff's Office, do you arrest him or thank him? Lake County Sheriff's Deputies found themselves in this situation this morning.

At 6:40 am, a female resident on Dunbar Ct. in Painesville Township reported that her husband's black 2003 Dodge Ram truck had just been stolen from the driveway by an unknown thief. The female caller reported that her husband was warming up the truck before leaving for work, and suddenly a man stole the truck from the driveway. She explained her husband was attempting to follow the suspect in another vehicle. Lake County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to the area as the thief was reported to be heading into Painesville City.

Lt. Jeff Sherwood was just getting ready to pull out of the Sheriff's Office parking lot to respond to this call when he heard tires squealing. Lt. Sherwood then observed a black Dodge Ram truck approaching west bound on Mentor Ave. operating recklessly. The driver of this vehicle apparently observed Lt. Sherwood and proceeded to abruptly pull into the Sheriff's Office parking, traveled over a landscape island in the lot and then bailed out of the stolen truck. Lt. Sherwood apprehended the male without incident. The suspect was identified as 33 year old Christopher E. Haller of Painesville Twp. Haller was booked into the Lake County Jail and charged with *Motor Vehicle Theft*. The vehicle owner retrieved his stolen truck from the Sheriff's Office a short time later.



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